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Proposed

New Rules

DUAL CREDIT COURSES

The BOARD OF HIGHER **EDUCATION** adopted a new Part titled Dual Credit Courses (23 IAC 1009; 39 III Reg 5945) ,effective 10/7/15, implementing Public Act 96-164, which makes BHE responsible for oversight of dual high school/college credit courses offered by higher education institutions other than public community colleges. (Separate rules for community college dual credit courses have been proposed by the Illinois Community College Board.) The new Part establishes the following standards for dual credit courses: the offering institution must be accredited and have degree-granting/ operating authority from BHE; the same academic standards that apply to on- or off-campus college level courses must apply to dual credit courses; instructors must be chosen by the college/

university and have appropriate credentials and teaching competency (for transfer courses, at least a master's degree with 18 or more graduate hours in the academic discipline being taught; for career and technical education courses, at least 2,000 hours of work experience with recognizable credentials in the field being taught). Whether college level courses also earn concurrent high school credit will be determined by the high school involved. High school students who enroll in dual credit classes must demonstrate readiness for college-level work and meet the same prerequisites or placement testing standards that college students would be required to meet. Dual credit courses must be reviewed annually by the faculty of the college offering the classes to insure consistency with courses being offered on the

Rulemakings EDUCATORS

The STATE BOARD OF **EDUCATION** proposed amendments to Educator Licensure (23 IAC 25; 39 III Reg 13933) implementing a number of recent Public Acts. The rulemaking requires student teachers at public schools and SBE-recognized nonpublic schools to undergo fingerprintbased criminal background checks and have their names checked against the Statewide Sex Offender Database and the Violent Offender Against Youth Database. Licensure criteria are also established for persons who hold degrees from outside Illinois. With regard to license renewals, passage of the test of basic skills will be required only for persons who received provisional licenses, or licenses

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NEW RULES: Rules adopted by agencies this week. EMERGENCY RULES: Adopted for a temporary period not to exceed 150 days.

PROPOSED RULES: Rules proposed by agencies this week, commencing a 45-day First Notice period during which public comments must be accepted. **PEREMPTORY RULES:** Rules adopted without prior public notice or JCAR review as authorized by 5 ILCS 100/5-50.

■ Designates rules of special interest to small businesses, small municipalities, and not-for-profit corporations. Agencies are required to consider comments from these groups and minimize the regulatory burden on them.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS: Submit mail, email or phone calls to the agency personnel listed below each summary.

RULE TEXT: Available on the Secretary of State (www.cyberdriveillinois.com) and General Assembly (www.ilga.gov) websites under Illinois Register. Second Notice text (original version with changes made by the agency during First Notice included) is available on the JCAR website.

New Rules

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college campus. Dual credit distance education courses must offer a help desk function available to students at least 18 a day; implement appropriate security systems; insure that students are adequately informed of the nature and expectations of online or distance learning; and administer exams and other assessments in an environment that verifies the identity of the student and the integrity of his or her work. Institutions must submit an annual report to BHE listing the course numbers and descriptions of all dual credit classes, the faculty teaching such classes and their credentials, the number of students enrolled, and the sites where dual credit classes are offered. The rulemaking allows BHE to review conduct visitations of institutions and high school

partner sites and lists grounds for denying or revoking approval of dual credit classes. Institutions of higher education and high schools offering dual credit courses are affected by this rulemaking.

Questions/requests for copies: Karen Helland, BHE, 1 N. Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 333, Springfield II 62701-1377, 217/ 557-7358, fax 217/782-8548, email: helland@ibhe.org

■ EQUAL PAY

The DEPARTMENT OF LABOR and the DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS adopted Joint Rules of the Department of Labor and Department of Human Rights: Rules on Investigation of Equal Pay Act Cases (56 IAC 325; 39 III Reg 9115 and 56 IAC 2525; 39 III Reg 9112), effective 10/6/15, implementing PA 98-1051. The rules explain the roles of DOL

and DHR in investigations and processing of complaints filed under the Illinois Equal Pay Act. DOL responsibilities include criteria, intake of complaints, complainants and referral of complaints, and disclosure of complainant's identity. DHR responsibilities include receipt, return, investigation, settlement and acceptance of complaints; how duplicate charges of discrimination will be handled; and the withdrawal of a DHR charge of discrimination. Workers or employers involved in Equal Pay Act cases will be affected by these rules.

Questions/requests for copies: Chris Wieneke, DOL, 900 S. Spring St., Springfield IL 62704, 217/558-1270 or David Rothal, DHR-Legal Division, 100 W. Randolph St., Ste 10-100, Chicago IL 60601, 312/814-6257, (TTY) 866/740-3953.

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with stipulations, as career and technical educators on or after 1/1/15. Additional entities that SBE has approved to provide professional development to licensees are added.

Questions/requests for copies/comments through 12/7/15: Shelley Helton, SBE, 100 N. 1st St, S-493, Springfield IL 62777-0001, 217/782-5270. rules@isbe.net

ACCOUNTING

The **DEPARTMENT** OF FINANCIAL AND PROFES-SIONAL REGULATION proposed amendments to Illinois Public Accounting Act (68 IAC 1240; 39 III Reg 13889) implementing the sunset reauthorization of the Act. A definitions section and rules concerning unprofessional conduct are being added. The rulemaking also clarifies continuing education requirements, makes provisions for foreign accountant and delineates responsibilities of CPAs and CE sponsors. Accountants and their employers are affected by this rulemaking.

Questions/requests for copies/comments through 12/7/15: Craig Cellini, 320 W. Washington, **3rd** Floor, Springfield IL 62786, 217/785-0813.

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STATE PROPERTY

The DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES proposed amendments to Marking, Inventory, Transfer and Disposal of State-Owned Personal Property (44 IAC 5010;

39 III Reg 13880) that require individual identification numbers to be placed only on State property that has a value of more than \$500 and is subject to theft (as determined by each agency). Property of lesser value must be labeled as State property but does not require an identification number. All equipment valued in

excess of \$500, as well as lesservalued property that is subject to theft, must be reported to CMS by the holding agency.

Questions/requests for copies/comments through 12/7/15: Kevin Behl, CMS, 720 Stratton Bldg., Springfield IL 62706 217/557-5404.

Second Notices

No Second Notices were received during the week of Oct. 13-19. A current list of rulemakings scheduled for consideration at the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules' 11/17/15 meeting can be viewed at http://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/agenda.asp

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